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"Exercise Your Right to Vote...Early"

By Congressman Allen Boyd (D-FL)

When I was growing up, my father was a leader in our little community of Monticello, and so come Election Day, he would take me to the polls.

Not too long ago, someone asked me if I remembered the first time I voted, and truth be told, I don't. I've only voted in the last few years.

Back when my father was a pollkeeper, the only way a citizen could vote was by traveling to the polling place.

The following are a few more things to remember about your right to vote:

- Lines may be long, mainly in the bigger counties. While waiting in line may seem like a curse, large numbers of people are waiting to vote.
- By law, poll workers must allow you to vote as long as you are in line before the polls close. Every voter has the right to vote.
- Report any problems you have with the voting machines. The voting locations are equipped with poll workers to help you.

Long before any of these new voting innovations were established, that little precinct my father used to work at was the only place to vote.

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